

are affected by myositis, a general term used to describe swelling of the muscles. Myositis patients suffer from their immune systems attacking their body's own normal tissue, resulting in inflammation or swelling. The disease can cause muscle weakness, and patients often live in chronic pain and have long-term health problems that can lead to permanent disabilities.

Myositis affects individuals of all ages and can come in many different forms. Many patients with treatable forms of myositis often have severe long-term disabilities because of failure to diagnose and treat the disease. In addition, the effects of inflammatory myopathies are much more severe than just inflammation. They are thought to be autoimmune diseases such as that the body's immune system, which normally fights infections and viruses, does not stop fighting once the infection or virus is gone.

Mr. Speaker, because myositis varies so much from patient to patient, no single existing treatment works for everyone. Myositis can be treated with steroids, various medicines and intravenous immune globulin.

The Myositis Association is the national patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community and has designated September 21 as Myositis Awareness Day. Myositis advocates traveled to Capitol Hill last Thursday in an effort to educate the public and Congress on the need for more research funding, accurate diagnosis, and effective treatments for this disease. This resolution thanks them for their work and dedicates the United States Congress to continuing the research for treatments.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, let me just again commend Mr. ISRAEL of New York for his leadership on this issue and bringing attention to the disease myositis.

Again, as he said, it is important as we raise national awareness about these diseases that we also provide the resources necessary to the NIH and other researchers who are doing important work to find cures and treatments for these diseases. It is absolutely essential that we invest as a Nation in that very important effort and provide them with the resources they need.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. But I want to commend the gentleman from New York for bringing this resolution to our attention. When we saw it, we moved it very, very quickly. This is important, and we appreciate his leadership, and also my friend from Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM

DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 974.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HARRY J. PARRISH POST OFFICE

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 2690) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8801 Sudley Road in Manassas, Virginia, as the "Harry J. Parrish Post Office".

(For text of S. 2690, see prior proceedings of the House of today.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I think I have been heard on this, but I did want to give Representative WOLF an opportunity to speak on this. As I stated earlier, Delegate Parrish, and it was Mayor before that, fighter pilot in World War II, was a friend of ours, but he was a friend of the greater community of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of S. 2690, legislation to designate a United States Postal Service facility in Manassas, Virginia, as the Harry J. Parrish Post Office.

I want to particularly thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) for his work to bring this legislation to the floor. I am pleased to be a sponsor of the House companion bill to the Senate measure introduced by Virginia Senator GEORGE ALLEN.

Harry Parrish served over 50 years in elected office. He was elected to the town council of Manassas, Virginia, in 1951, and held that position until 1963 when he was elected mayor. He served in that capacity until 1981.

During his 12 years as town councilman and 18 years as mayor, he guided the transformation of Manassas from a small Virginia town to a thriving, lively suburb.

Mr. Parrish became a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly in 1982 and was elected to 13 terms in the Virginia House of Delegates, including serving as chairman of the Finance Committee starting in 2000. At the time of his passing in March at the age of 84, he was the oldest serving member of the House of Delegates.

As a member of the House of Delegates, he was known for conducting himself in a bipartisan manner, putting Virginia first. At Harry's funeral, current Governor Kaine was there, a Dem-

ocrat; former Governor Warner, a Democrat. It was a bipartisan group. If only this body could become like that, whereby there could be a bipartisanism that we saw with Harry Parrish.

I was proud to call Harry my friend. He was a true Virginia gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

His public service started in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a decorated World War II pilot. As part of the British Royal Air Force during WWII, he flew C-47s over the Himalayas, delivering supplies, weapons and other cargo from India to China. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for his valiant efforts. He served as an Air Force reservist in the Korean and Vietnam wars before retiring as colonel.

He was chairman of the board of his family business, Manassas Ice and Fuel Company.

Naming the post office on Sudley Road in Manassas in his honor and memory is an appropriate reminder to the people of Manassas of Harry's dedication to public service. I urge a unanimous vote for the legislation, and I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) for allowing me to have this opportunity to be here at this time.

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would commend Mr. WOLF for recognizing the service of Harry Parrish in this way. I assure him strong bipartisan support, and I have enjoyed working with him on both sides of the Potomac River on issues of importance to both jurisdictions.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TOM DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill, S. 2690.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### MORRIS K. 'MO' UDALL POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5857) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Cherrybell Avenue in Tucson, Arizona, as the "Morris K. 'Mo' Udall Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5857

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. MORRIS K. "MO" UDALL POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Cherrybell Avenue in Tucson, Arizona,